25th February 1929]

Excise

Location, hours of sale, etc., of liquor shops.

*1416 Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON: Will the hon the Minister for Public Health be pleased to place on the table of the House the rules or instructions governing the location, hours of sale, etc., of liquor shops?

A.—The rules [a] are laid on the table.

Mr. C. GOPALA MENON:—"May I know from the hon. Minister whether the Government have received any complaint from the Temperance Society with regard to the working of these rules?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"Complaint as regards what?"

Mr. C. GOPALA MENON:—"Complaint with regard to the working of the rules."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I am afraid the hon. Member has simply asked for the report being placed on the table of the House. He ought therefore only to frame questions on the report."

Removal of toddy and arrack shops from Cocanada municipal limits.

*1417 Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Municipal Council, Cocanada, passed a resolution No. 98, dated 26th May 1926, advocating the removal of all toddy and arrack shops from within the municipal jurisdiction and whether the same was communicated to Government;

(b) whether the same Council reiterated the resolution in the same terms in subsequent years; and

(c) what action the Government have taken to give effect to the said resolution?

A.—(a) No resolution bearing the date 26th May 1926 was communicated to the Government; but a resolution No. 98, dated 26th May 1924, on the subject was communicated to them by the Chairman, Municipal Council, Cocanada.

(b) A resolution dated 11th January 1929 on the subject has been received by the Government.

(c) No action has been taken on them.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU:—"May I know, with reference to (c), why the Government have not taken action in view of the fact that the Council has been invariably passing the resolution?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"So far as the Government are aware, the Municipality passed one such resolution in 1924 and it is only in January 1929, they again passed a similar resolution. In the bigger municipalities there are excise licensing boards and in other places there are excise advisory committees who deal with this matter. When they recommend any action it is given effect to."

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 101–105 infra.